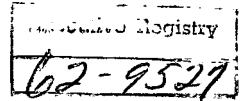


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FROM:

A. W. Dulles

Senator Pres Bush sent me the attached "Cuban Report". He seemed to be rather startled by it and asked whether I thought the Agency had the report. I told him that I was certain they had this and much more, but that I would assure myself of it.

The attached report is now a month old and of only historical value, if that.

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Information direct from Communist Cuba

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At least two submarine bases have been reported to be under construction, one in the Mariel Harbor in Pinar del Rio and the other in the Siguaneya Bay, in the Isle of Pines. The center of the military net extending from one end of the island to the other is located in the middle, in the Province of las Villas, though the central office functions in the three highest floors of a building situated at 17th and 12th Streets, Vedado, Havana. These offices are staffed by Soviet military officers and men. The building has twenty floors. The old rebel army has practically disappeared as a military force. The Militias are under the command of Soviet army officers.

In the report that follows we shall disclose very precise and concrete data concerning the most important military installations as obtained by our Intelligence in Cuba.

PROVINCE OF PINAR DEL RIO.

The most important military base in the province and possibly one of the main of the main ones in the island can be found on Mariel. A submarine base is under construction there. On various occasions this port has been visited by Russian submarines. The inhabitants of this region of Cayo Lenin, formerly known as Cayo Mason, situated within Mariel Bay, have been forced to leave their homes on a permanent basis. At the port, the Narantes docks have been concealed from the public eye by a brick wall approximately ten feet high. This wall is constantly guarded by armed Soviet soldiers. Eight Soviet boats equipped with missiles are anchored there permanently.

In the Province of Pinar del Rio there are in existence or under construction guided missile bases, similar to those previously mentioned, located at the following points:

- a) Between Mariel and Bahia Honda.
- b) In the hacienda "Las Delicias" near kilometers 6th and 7th of the Pan American Road leading to Guane and Mantua.
- c) In the farm "La Altura" situated in the Organos Cordillera (Mountains), South East of Cabanas.
- d) In the Guatana, between the 7th and 8th kilometer, located in an old Army field using for firing practice, lying between Pinar del Rio and la Coloma.
- e) In the hills of San Gabriel, near Guana Jay, South of Mariel.
- f) In the ports of Playuelas and Malas Aguas.
- g) In Topey, between the ports of Dimas and Santa Lucia.
- h) In Guanito, between the city of Pinar del Rio and Guane, next to the Valley of Isabel Maria.

At all these points, besides the installations there are also important foreign military camps. Other places where foreign camps have been built are:

- a) The San Julian Baso Where there are Russians and Chinese.
- b) In the farm known as San Felipe, situated about the third kilometer, near the road of San Juan y Martinez and approximately fourteen kilometers from Pinar del Rio.
- c) In the region comprised between the ports of Santa Lucia and La Esperanza.
- d) In Bahia Honda, Mariel and Cabanas.
- e) There is an important military camp near the village of Quiebra Hacha on the banks of the Dominica river, that is dredged for undisclosed purposes.

PROVINCE OF HAVANA

Along the North coast running parallel to the Blanca Way (a famous road leading out of Havana), a net of electronic equipment has been set up to detect sounds and radar signals. In this zone, denominated point A, there is also a large quantity of long range cannons. In Boca Ciega, Guanabo a construction is under way of what appears to be a missile base.

A most important encampment is located in Managua, about twenty kilometers south of Havana City. Enormous amounts of arms and ammunition are kept here at this camp in subterranean warehouses. Underground hangars have been constructed for the storage of planes at the Air Force base in San Antonio de los Baños.

In Guines, the Directorate's Intelligence has reported the existence of a Soviet Military base. The Hotel Tejas in this town has been taken over by the Russians and used as office building. It is possible that the largest Air Force base is located in this province. It is situated in La Cayuga, a former base constructed by the United States during the Second World War. Many Russian Migs are said to be based here.

The well known night club Sans Souci and the ground surrounding it have been turned into a Soviet encampment. Another Soviet camp can be found in the 3 1/2 kilometer mark along the road leading to Santiago de las Vegas.

Algerians are based at the Bellomonte Farm, near Guanabo, also at the old immigration center called Tiscornia, in Torrens and in the ex-Dictator Batista's country home, Kukine. In a farm that used to belong to Feito and Cabezon there is a camp used by International Brigades, in Calabazar, in the vicinity of Santiago de Las Vegas.

MATANZAS PROVINCE

At the extreme Northern end of the Yumuri Valley, various con-

crete air strips are under construction. At the Northern end of these strips there is a tunnel, approximately 10 meters high and 20 wide. Its longitude is not known for Cubans are not allowed near this site.

A large arsenal is kept in the South Eastern part of the Valley in the Margot Mines.

Fifty cannons of an extraordinary range have been installed by Russian engineers near the road going from Matanzas to Limonar, at two kilometers from the city of Matanzas, taking a side road that leads to a quarry where stones are dug.

In Camarioca, at the right bank of the Canimar River, and at a point very near the United States there is an important Soviet military camp and missile installations.

For many months now Russian technicians have been working in the Victoria Hacienda, near Maximo Gomez, erecting enormous installations inside tunnels where the Cubans are not permitted to enter, not even military men.

On a plateau, extending for a square kilometer along the peaks of the Zatorre hills Russian technicians perform work of an unknown nature.

A radar station of great importance has been set up in the town of Jovellanos. In Colon, Jaguey Grande and Banaguises, there are military camps.

It is known that enormous deposits were buried in the farm Acana, in Cidra County, at about the fourth kilometer marker, four hundred meters from the road. Other deposits of great size were buried in the Cangrejo farm, Bolondron County, at a distance of three kilometers from the road going from Bolondron to Union de Reyes. The farmers in this zone sustain that when the deposits were being covered they gave off a strong loathsome odor. At Punta Hicacos, the Russians labor in a missile base of recent construction.

LAS VILLAS PROVINCE

This province is very well armed. The Chiefs of Staff are found here, possibly at the Farm "La Maleza" in the proximity of Santa Clara, where our Intelligence reports the existence of one of the principal foreign camps, very closely guarded.

The most important airport in the province and in the whole island for that matter, manned entirely by foreigners, can be found South of las Villas in a farm consisting of two hundred and thirty one acres. No one is allowed in the vicinity of the farm; the sentries have been posted as far out as three hundred meters beyond the boundaries of the farm. Of course, these sentinels are all of foreign nationality.

In the county of Mayajigua near San Jose de los Lagos there is a very steep hill through which lateral tunnels have been excavated extending for long internals along the North Coast of the province. The tunnels are well constructed, made of reinforced concrete and protected on top by the bare rock of the hill. At the Buenavista farm, lying between the Trinidad Sugar Factory and the city of Trinidad, there is an installation for launching

guided missiles. This is the closest point in the island to the Panama Canal. A similar installation is found in Sancti Spiritus, in the Sagua la Grande Region.

There are foreign military settlements in the Saavedra farm between Sagua and Isabel; in the Itabo farm, South of Cifuentes; in Remedio and Coralillo, where not even Cuban army members may set foot, and in Roura, near the Sagua River.

CAMAGUEY PROVINCE

The three chief foreign installations in Camaguey are located in Ranchuelo, Cunagua and Ciego de Avila. At these three centers, there are many international brigades equipped with great quantities of electronic devices and other materials and apparatus stored in subterranean arsenals constructed with concrete.

At the fourteenth kilometer marker on the road uniting the city of Camaguey and that of Vertientes there is a tunnel extending for four hundred meters; at this point it splits into a T and extends for two hundred more meters. The cross section of the T is one hundred and twenty meters long and the width of the tunnel is twenty meters. The walls are made of reinforced concrete, two feet deep. This is one of the largest arsenals in the province of Camaguey. The San Jose de los Jibaros base is situated next to this arsenal.

Two more long and large tunnels have been excavated in the Pilon Hills, seven kilometers from Nuevitas; not far off the road leading from Camaguey city to the town of Nuevitas. Observers report that for many weeks now they have seen cargo of unknown nature, being unloaded there, brought over in large trailers from the port of Nuevitas.

Behind the Camaguey international airport subterranean hangars have been constructed, but so far it has been impossible to determine the number of planes housed in them. Soviet and Chinese pilots live near these hangars.

At the La Gloria Cooperative, north of the Senado Sugar Factory there is a Russian and Czech camp.

At the Stewart Sugar Factory can be found another foreign camp. In the surroundings of Cauto Embarcadero the construction of another camp of considerable size was recently being finished. About five hundred foreign military men are living in the building of the former school of Arts and Crafts in the city of Camaguey. The Diocesan Seminary and the residences of the Montecarlo Suburb have also been occupied by military foreigners.

PROVINCE OF ORIENTE

A military camp comprising eight hundred acres of land adjacent to the Guantanamo Naval Base, has been designed and is presently under construction; the direction is entirely and exclusively in the hands of the Russians. The land has as boundaries, Toa, The Purial, and the Maguey Mountains.

Missile sites have been built at Punta de Mulas and upper Mayari. The equipment and material for this base was disembarked at the Nicaro and Banes Ports. The inhabitants of the region near the Ports were all previously evacuated. There are underground passageways constructed by the Soviet engineers in Rio Frio and Guantanamo. There are important soviet camps in Bayamo and in Las Mercedes high up in the Sierra Maestra, where they have managed to construct a landing field. In the town of Manzanillo the port has been mined and through out the town there are military installations. Another camp is situated in Mayari very near the place where Nipe begins. The Bay of Santiago de Cuba is also known to be mined. There are also Soviets established in camps near Victoria de las Tunas and Baracoa.

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